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## *Press Release*

### CONVICTION UPHELD IN BIRD PARK MURDER

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Massachusetts' highest court has affirmed the conviction of a Norwood pizza delivery man for the savage murder of an elderly woman that shocked the town of Walpole and many in Norfolk County, according to Norfolk District Attorney William R. Keating.

"The jury's guilty verdict against Martin Guy stands, and the SJC has also rejected his bid for a new trial," District Attorney Keating said. "I am pleased for the family of Irene Kennedy that this chapter is settled in the best possible way."

District Attorney Keating praised the SJC ruling as thoughtful and joined the court in praising the work of Assistant District Attorney Robert Nelson, Keating's head of homicide prosecution.

"Another man was sitting in jail awaiting trial for this murder on the day I assumed office," said District Attorney Keating, who was sworn in the January following this December 1, 1998 murder in Bird Park in Walpole. "It was more than four years after I ordered the charges against an innocent man dropped, within days of taking office, before the CODIS DNA database linked the evidence in this murder to Martin Guy."

Guy's DNA had entered the database after he was convicted of stabbing his neighbor, Christopher Payne, to death in Norwood in September 1999, Keating said. Guy and Payne, who was originally from Westwood, lived in different apartments in a building near the Norwood Post Office and had a late night altercation that resulted in the stabbing.

The complete decision is available online at:

<http://www.sociallaw.com/slip.htm?cid=19303>

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